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The Off Campus Center block talk



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HELP HOUSES TO AID IN PERSONAL SAFETY

The off campus area, not unlike other areas of the city, has its share of security problems. The area can, at times, seem uninviting. This is especially true whenever an individual becomes distressed due to an accident, illness, or feels that he or she is being followed, etc. It would be negligent to ignore the possibilities of personal crime in this area and the uneasiness that a person can experience, especially when he or she is unfamiliar with the area and needs help.

In an effort to increase security awareness and to provide support in times of trouble, the Off Campus Center and Student Association will again be organizing numerous "Help Houses" in the area. Any house in the off campus area can volunteer to be a Help House. As a Help House, you agree to display a Help House sticker in your front window and offer assistance to anyone who knocks at your door. If an individual feels threatened or needs help, he or she can approach a Help House knowing that the people behind the door will be receptive and attentive to their problem, and get them in touch with the police.

The Help House program is now into its fourth year of existence. Help Houses serve a dual purpose; they aid individuals who need safety in the off campus area and help to decrease crime in the area by acting as a type of neighborhood watch group. Residents of Help Houses are advised to contact Campus Security at 229-2121 and the Dayton Police at 222-9511 whenever a personal safety problem arises or a suspicious situation is observed.

All students should familiarize themselves with Help Houses located near their house, on their route to classes, the library, or friends houses. Help Houses are an important safety measure in the off campus area. If you and your housemates would like to get involved in this program, call the Off Campus Center at 229-2047 or Student Association at 229-4444 for further information. In the meantime, look for upcoming information concerning sign-ups and orientation meeting.

THINK SAFE!

ACT SAFE!

STAY SAFE!

"Let There Be (Alley) Light"

In an attempt to provide increased personal safety to students living or simply walking through the off campus area at night, the University of Dayton Off Campus Housing Office has had a number of "Nightguard Alley Lights" installed throughout the off campus area.

It all started in March of 1980 when the University contracted with D.P.&L. to install "Nightguard Alley Lights" in 14 off campus alley locations. By September 1981, 17 additional "Nightguard Alley Lights" were installed. Recently, 7 more locations have been selected for "Nightguard Alley Lights." In October 1983 the University will be paying a monthly charge for 38 of these "Nightguard Alley Lights". Providing well lighted alleys and walkways throughout the off campus area is a major concern of the University. Each semester the Off Campus Center makes an inspection of all lighting throughout the off campus area. Anyone who observes an alley or street lighting problem (such as broken lights) in the off campus area is encouraged to call Mike Kline at the Off Campus Center 229-2047 and report the problem. (P.S. The Off Campus Center also provides free porch light bulbs to help in keeping streets and alleys bright.)

"...but,..."

"I really like it but,..." Starting my third year as the off campus rep from Campus Ministry, I often hear this familiar response to the How's-life-in-your-house query. "But" and what follows have led me to conclude that each household, like people, exudes its own style and personality that can be grouped in general categories or models. Here are a few to be detailed in my three volume study on off campus life to be published in 1987.

Not too common is the Monkey Island model. Grunts, groans and peeps indicate various levels of pain or pleasure as members adapt to a survival-of-the-fittest dynamic, usually near the refrigerator. The Coney Island Model: day and night open house as hosts of friends and visitors stream through the midway (living room) to and from games, fun and foodfests. In the Hotel model, residents discreetly check in and out through locked doors. Occasionally they meet in the lobby or share the hotel snackbar, but life for these guests is beyond the front porch. The uniqueness of the Jesse James model is its furnishings, which come from restaurants, offices, bars and neighbors' houses. Usually a jovial bunch, this gang is sworn to secrecy about extracurricular activities.

"I really like it but,..." Regardless of which of the sixteen models your household fits, there is always room for some refinement or improvement. Improvement of any human

Co-Op Opens

Contrary to what you may have heard or read in other uniformed publications, your food co-op located at 301 Lowes Street is now open. That means no more hour long shopping trips, having to gas up the car, or worse yet, walking to the store. Everything you need is at your local 301 Lowes Street Co-op.

In case you have been too busy the last month to hear or read about it, or just simply forgot, the Co-op procedure is as follows: you must pre-order and pre-pay everything. Delivery date is set for Thursdays, so you must order before or on the previous Thursday to receive your order the next week. Your first two purchases may be made without being a member, after that, you must join the co-op. The cost is \$4 per semester/household. In fact, you will probably want to join after you see your first purchase. Remember, everything is based on a household order.

The co-op is open 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop in and place your order soon. If you still have any questions, contact Les Crooks at 229-3833. Les is looking forward to having you as a member in U.D.'s first food co-op.

situation starts with a simple yet awkward process called communication. "Learning to Live with You (and Me)" is a mini-workshop designed to eliminate some of the bugs and "buts" from your household in a fun, positive way. For more info, contact me or call x3339.

By the way, the rest of the models will appear in volume II of my study, but in case my list doesn't exhaust the reality of off campus living, please suggest to me other models. If they get published, I promise to share the royalties with you and your progeny.

—Bro. Paul Bredestege
—Campus South (2533)
—301 Lowes St. (3833)
—Liberty Hall (2010)

301 Lowes Street Dedication and Open House

On Sunday, October 16th a dedication and open house ceremony will be held for the new facility at 301 Lowes Street.

Events begin at 10:30 a.m. with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, to be followed by a blessing of the rooms and a mass in the auditorium. After the mass, there will be a free continental breakfast.

Key Speaker will be Bro. Raymond Fitz, President of the University of Dayton. For further information, contact Les Crooks at 229-3833.

Feature on. . . Mary Shay

Each month the Off Campus Center will use this space to feature people who live in this area and/or make an impact through their concern and service to the off campus area.

This month's Off Campus Center feature story focuses on Mary Shay who is a permanent resident living at 351 College Park Avenue.

Mary was born in Hamilton, Ohio, but moved to Dayton when she was six. She is the oldest of twelve children. Mary attended the University of Dayton and received a B.S. degree in secondary education in 1944. In fact, Mary notes that four other brothers and sisters are U.D. graduates, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In 1955, Mary purchased the property at 351 College Park Ave. and rented it to U.D. faculty for three years. In 1958, the house was made into a duplex. Since this time, Mary has lived in the bottom half and rented the upstairs out to U.D. students and staff.

While attending U.D. in 1944, Mary began working at the University. Since 1945, she has held her current position at U.D. as Director of Alumni Services. Next year, Mary will begin her 40th year of employment at U.D.

In 1945, the area in which Mary worked was called the Alumni Department. At that time there were only 3400 U.D. alumni and Mary was the only full-time staff member. Today, the area is officially known as Development and Alumni Relations. It services over 45,000 alumni and has grown to a staff of approximately 30 persons.

As Director of Alumni Services, Mary is a member of the National Alumni Board, ex-officio of the various National Alumni Chapters, and a member of C.A.S.E. (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.) Mary's position has her performing a never ending task of planning and implementing programs and scheduling events for alumni, parents and incoming freshmen. These programs and events consist of socials, picnics, reunions, award programs, travel programs, Homecoming plans, and merchandising programs to name just a few. For those of us who have trouble with the different forms of the word alumni, Mary explains that alumnus is masculine singular (a male graduate), alumna is female singular (a female graduate), alumni is masculine plural (male graduates), and alumnae is female plural (female graduates).

Mary states that her basic personal interest is the general welfare of U.D. students, alumni, the University of Dayton and its continued progress and change in coming years. Mary feels that we have a very good student body, and that the students are a credit to the University. She believes the students as a whole are a fine group of people. Getting to know the students is a major concern for Mary. As she notes, "I have to get to know the students of today in order to know the alumni of tomorrow."

Block Reps to Assist Off Campus Center

The Center for Off Campus Community Relations (Off Campus Center) exists to help effect better community relations in the off campus area. In order for the Center to achieve its goals it must have student input and support. Block Representatives provide this valuable service. Without Block Representatives, the work of the Off Campus Center would be left entirely to the one full-time director and his staff of three work study students.

If you are an off campus student resident who cares about your neighborhood, the Off Campus Center at 239 Kiefaber Street would like you to sign-up to be your block's representative. Block Reps represent the student voice at the Off Campus Center. They channel ideas for programs, sugges-

tions, comments and questions for the attention of the University.

Some of the things Block Reps do are: compile a block listing for each block, deliver the monthly Off Campus Center newsletter **Block Talk** to each house, and meet approximately once a month to discuss the off campus area. There are currently 19 Block Reps, and more are needed. If you are a concerned neighbor willing to invest an extremely small portion of your time to aid in making the off campus area a quality place to live (even for the duration of your senior year), please take a moment and call Mike Kline at the Off Campus Center 229-2047 or 229-2531 and sign-up to be a Block Rep.

Facts You Need to Know

– NOISE ORDINANCE

On September 8, 1982 the City Commission passed ordinance Sec. 94.11 titled Stationary Noise Control Regulations. Section "B" states that a stationary noise device or any other source must not be in excess of 55 decibels from 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. or in excess of 61 decibels from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. The decibel level shall be measured from the property line where the noise originates. This pertains to areas zoned residential, office residential, and University in the city zoning code. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor of the 4th degree which carries 30 days and/or \$250 fine.

– LITTER/TRASH ORDINANCE

City Ordinance 93.47 makes it the occupants responsibility to keep the exterior premises of a house free of objects or materials which create a safety, health hazard, or public nuisance. Occupants must store waste and garbage in a neat or sanitary manner. Violators will be issued a warning tag, and if necessary, can be issued a \$35 citation.

– TRASH PICK-UP

Garbage pick-up for this area is every **Wednesday**. Garbage collectors will not come onto your property to get your cans or bags if you forget to set it out. Also, you need to call 225-5324 for a free bulk pick-up of large items that are not picked up normally.

RETURN Street Signs

To many students, street and traffic signs make interesting house decorations. However, did you realize these signs cost approximately \$150 to replace? In a gesture of goodwill and an attempt to help the city regain lost property, the Off Campus Center is requesting that students take down their signs and drop them off at the Off Campus Center. No questions will be asked; the object is to simply return the signs, not to chastise individuals. If you have any signs or questions call the Off Campus Center at 229-2047.



Did You Know That. . .?

- The Off Campus Center provides rakes, shovels, brooms and trash bags to those who want to clean up their yards after a party or any other messy occasion, such as a normal weekend.
- You can keep your porchlight on at night. If you need a light bulb for your front or back porch, come by the center and get one for **FREE!**
- You can secure your valuables by engraving them for positive identification. The Off-Campus Center has two engravers to lend out to those who want to be safe.
- Both on-campus, off-campus, and faculty/staff telephone directories can be picked up at the Off-Campus Center. (Off-campus directories not yet available.)
- The Official Student Handbook can be picked up at the Off-Campus Center. It is every student's responsibility to be aware of the information contained in this publication.
- The Off-Campus Center has RTA schedules! Drop on in and pick-em-up.
- The Off Campus Center has two vacuum cleaners to lend out to students.
- **A valid Student I.D. is required for any equipment checked out.**

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